GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

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EXPORT OF SPURIOUS INDIAN DRUGS TO UZBEKISTAN
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Mission in Uzbekistan hadsent reports about a major clandestine activity involving export of Spurious Indian drugs to that country and smuggling into India of diamond powder tungsten wire etc. from there; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Indian Government in the matter?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (REVENUE) IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) All the concerned field formations under the Customs Department have been alerted to remain more vigilant and to conduct more careful screening o f the foreigners/passengers coming from/going to Commonwealth of IndependentS tates (C IS)countries particularly Uzbekistan. The control machanism at Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport, New Delhihas been further strengthened to ensure that passengers do not misuse green channel facility nor do they bring non bonafide baggage in excess of the permissible free baggage allowance. Instructions have also been issued to all the Commissioners incharge o f International Airports to increase surprise visits by senior officers and to ensure strict supervisory controls to check against any abuse of green channel facility by unscrupulous passangers and to impose deterrent penalties in cases of mis-declaration or non-declaration of the baggage, apart from considering prosecution in deserving cases.